

gc Greenhead College, Huddersfield

**Teacher Conferences
2010**

MODERN LANGUAGES



Grade 1 departments share their ideas and expertise at this nationally acclaimed college.

A one-day course uniquely run by successful practicing teachers and HODs. Suitable for HODs, Experienced Teachers, NQTs



Tuesday 15 June 2010

Meet the staff, visit the teaching rooms, look at and discuss resources in situ. Leave with a booklet of ideas and exemplar resources.

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Why Greenhead College?

Greenhead College has a national reputation for achieving outstanding results with our students across the ability ranges, with beacon awards from the FEFC & LSC and two Queen's Anniversary Prizes in addition to consistently topping the college league tables. At the time of our 2004 inspection Greenhead was the only institution to have no lesson observations graded as unsatisfactory and 93% were good or better, in our 2007 inspection all grades awarded were outstanding. Our staff are highly committed to providing the best possible learning experience for our youngsters and are happy to share their ideas with colleagues across the post 16 sector.

The Modern Languages Department

We deliver courses in French, German, Spanish and Italian to AS level and currently French, German and Spanish to A level. From September 2008, in response to demand, we have also offered Italian A level. Spanish and Italian are available post GCSE and ab-initio.

The department is well resourced and well organised encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning. We aim to develop a relaxed working relationship with each student, allowing the students' real potential to emerge. The success of this approach is shown in our results with pass rates well above national averages in all languages.

Extracts from Ofsted's recent report for Languages include

- Very high retention rates, pass rates and attainment
- Well organised department with good communication providing strong support for students
- Regular monitoring of the quality of student learning, excellent informative marking
- Committed and highly capable teaching staff
- Friendly, harmonious relationships between staff and students
- Excellent exchange opportunities
- Students are happy, producing high standards of work

We encourage students to reach their full potential through a wealth of opportunities aimed at developing and extending their individual knowledge beyond the curriculum: trips, visits, work-experience, exchanges, personal research studies, close links with universities. A recent HMI good practice visit described the department as 'unique' and 'outstanding' and made particular reference to the imaginative use of language assistants.

Course Leaders

Elaine Maynard has been Head of Department here for 9 years, teaching French and German and organising the German exchange. Elaine was an examiner for AQA and has been on the French QPEC, she is currently on the German QPEC.

Frédérique Jaffeux has been at Greenhead since 1994, teaching French and is an experienced A and AS oral examiner for AQA. Frédérique is second in department with a special responsibility for the work of the assistants. She also organises the work experience programme in Besançon.

Hugh Quarterman has been at Greenhead since 1981 as head of French and currently Head of Italian which he has successfully introduced as an ab-initio language to A and AS level. Hugh is an experienced AQA A level examiner and is a personal tutor.

Bob Field has been at Greenhead since 1989 as Head of German. Bob is involved in cross-departmental trips and is manager of the college football teams.

Paul Teahan came to Greenhead in 2006 as an NQT. He is teacher in charge of Spanish and organises the Spanish exchange.

Programme

After an initial introduction to the college, there will be an opportunity to attend sessions within the Modern Languages department. We will look at the range of learning resources we use in the classroom, and you will have the opportunity to sample some of the classroom activities which are designed to motivate and challenge AS and A-level students across the ability range.

9.30 am	Registration and coffee
10.00 am	Introduction to the aims of the day
10.15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department session: How the department works; student support, links with High Schools, exchanges, work experience, cross-college trips
11.15 am	COFFEE
11.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department session: Introducing languages ab-initio
12.30 pm	LUNCH
1.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department session: Use of the language assistant• Teaching the cultural topic at A-level
3:00pm	Plenary / questions and answers
3.30pm	Depart